

St. Gregory's Newsletter

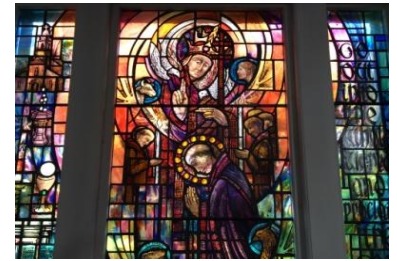
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Saint of the Week SS Martha & Lazarus

As there are no feast days this week we focus on the 2 main people other than Jesus in today's Gospel. These brother and sister are close friends of Jesus he eat at their home, and socialised with them. Because of their witness we are told that many people came to believe in Jesus. In them we can see the importance of friendship and the willingness of friends to speak the truth to each other. Jesus had criticised Martha for 'Worrying and fretting about so many things' and she shows her frustration at him for not being there when she needed him, 'My brother would not have died if you had been here'. This honesty does not undermine their friendship but strengthens it. Jesus shows real human emotion at Lazarus's death, while Martha comes to see Jesus not only as a friend but her Lord and God.

Veiling of Statues and Images

Since last Monday we find ourselves reading through passages from Saint John's Gospel. This continues until Good Friday (with the exception of the Wednesday of Holy Week), when we gather to hear and celebrate the Passion as related by Saint John. These last two and a half weeks we begin to focus on the cross of Jesus: Saint John talks of the growing opposition to Jesus from the Jewish leaders, this leads us towards the cross.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent used to be known as 'Passion Sunday', not because the Passion was read but because it marked the beginning of a different focus in Lent. Having begun in ashes, and concentrating on the path of repentance, the Church now adds to that journey an emphasis on the Passion and Death of the Lord.

This emphasis, was marked by an increase in the austerity as familiar statues and images were hidden from sight by veils. Even the crosses in church were veiled, leaving only the Stations of the Cross. This gave a special importance to a part of Good Friday, when the cross that was to be venerated was solemnly unveiled

Children's Corner

A	M	A	R	T	A	H	R	A	M	LAZARUS
S	I	T	E	E	F	A	L	B	A	BETHANY
R	S	E	Y	A	H	A	E	L	B	SISTERS
E	Y	U	A	T	Z	T	N	M	Y	MARTHA
T	R	O	R	A	H	E	O	S	T	MARY
S	A	A	P	A	R	T	T	R	E	OINTMENT
I	M	A	N	Y	Z	U	S	U	B	FEET
S	U	Y	R	A	E	A	D	U	J	BROTHER
R	A	Z	A	L	A	Z	L	O	T	JUDAEA
T	N	E	M	T	N	I	O	E	R	TOMB
										STONE
										PRAYER

5th Sunday of Lent - 2nd April 2017

Sunday 2nd April

9:30am John Lilley
11:00am Teresa Thompson
6:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday 9th April – Palm Sunday

9:30am Frank Smith
11:00am Peter Evans (A)
6:30pm Oswald Corcoran (A)
3.00pm Service of Reconciliation

3:00pm – 4:00pm Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am Jean Clarkson (LD)
Tuesday 8:30am Family of Nicola Cameron Rew
Wednesday 8:30am L.I.S.C.F.
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Thursday 8:30am Danuta Oborska (LD)
Friday 8:30am Valerie Bretherton
Saturday 10:00am Tom Wilcock)

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass

Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison, Jayne Hodge, Kathleen Reynolds, Brigid Cain, Mary Patten, Agnes Martindale, Robert Stretton, Mildred Bridge, Margaret Wood, Harold Sutton, Margaret Bower, Thomas Moss, Gerard Baker, Hugh Daly, Margaret Dearden, Maureen Jackson, Maureen McIver, Bill Burns, Lois Chiasson, Gerard McGuigan, Moya Jones, Teresa Kershaw, Teresa Critchley, Canon Richard Firth

Baptism today

Congratulations to Luke Jackson Nightingale who will be baptised today please keep him and his family in your prayers

Collection

Thank you for your generosity last week's collection of £961.94

Lenten Services of Reconciliation

A Service of Reconciliation will take place at St Gregory's on Sunday 9th April at 3pm, individual confessors will be on hand. The other services will be at St Mary's Monday 7pm & Sacred Heart Tuesday 7pm. Please remember that this is a sacrament of God's love & mercy and is not to be feared.

Marriage Preparation

The Archdiocese is looking for couples who would be prepared to help those getting married in their preparation. Training will be given, though your experience of marriage is most important. If you are willing to be involved please contact Maureen O'Brien on 0151 5221044

GREAT NEWS !*!*

Congratulations to Mr Darbyshire on his appointment as Head teacher at St Gregory's. After his excellent interview the governors were unanimous in his appointment. We assure him of our prayers and all the governors are sure he will be a great asset to the school and a great influence for the children (and the staff) in his care God bless him in the work ahead.

Easter

Masses for Easter will be as follows The Vigil (Saturday) 8:15pm, Easter Sunday 9:30am & 11:00 am there will be no Sunday evening mass.

Chrism Mass

Bus no full.

Lenten Evening of Recollection for Men

Popular "mini-retreat" for men on Tuesday, 4th April, 7pm at St. Joseph's, Anderton. No charge, see poster.

Lenten Alms

Any money you save by fasting or other penance may be put in the Lenten Alms Box at the back of church and will be donated to the Nugent Care Society which works for sick and vulnerable people in need of care in our Archdiocese.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 3rd April, Terence and Sandra Donnelly

Rotas 9th April, Palm Sunday

S.A.S. Sandra Donnelly, Madge Martin, Mae West

Dial a Ride Tommy McGuigan and Paul Thompson

Readers Reading of the Passion of our Lord, as arranged

Euch. Ministers Yvonne Cunliffe

Margaret Scard

TBA

Chris Huddy

Edward Brierley

Richard Jackson

Paul Thompson